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TAGS: MASS, BE, FR

SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT

REFS: A. BRUSSELS 4313; B. USNATO 2789; C. STATE 115820

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1. POSTS SHOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVE TO ENGAGE HOST  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN DISCUSSION OF POINTS ASCRIBED TO  
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GISCARD AND CHIRAC IN BRUSSELS 4313 (NOTAL, BEING REPEATED).

2. IF IDEAS ALONG LINES OUTLINED BY TINDEMANS ARE RAISED  
BY EUROPEAN OFFICIALS, POSTS SHOULD RESPOND ALONG FOLLOWING  
LINES:

-- QTE EUROPEAN COUNCIL FOR SECURITY UNQTE. US ATTACHES  
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO NATO AND ITS STRUCTURE (WHICH  
INCLUDES EUROGROUP), AND WOULD BE SURPRISED IF A NEW  
ORGANIZATIONAL INITIATIVE RELATING TO EUROPEAN DEFENSE  
OF THIS SORT COULD SERIOUSLY BE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY  
ALLIES, IF THEY HAVE NOT UNDERTAKEN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE  
US. YOU MAY ALSO ADD THAT WE WOULD REACT SHARPLY TO ANY  
IDEA FOR INCREASED EUROPEAN DEFENSE ACTIVITY OR IDENTITY  
THAT SEEMS MOTIVATED BY VIEW THAT US AND EUROPEAN DEFENSE  
ROLES ARE COMPETITIVE RATHER THAN COMPLEMENTARY.

-- EUROGROUP. WE ENDORSE EUROGROUP'S EXCELLENT WORK TO  
DATE UNDER THE NATO AEGIS. WE WOULD WELCOME FRENCH  
PARTICIPATION IN THIS BODY, BUT WE WOULD BE STRONGLY  
OPPOSED TO OTHER EUROPEAN ALLIES ENTERTAINING ANY FORM OF  
ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE (SUCH AS SALES OF MIRAGE IN PLACE  
OF F-16) TO MAKE FRENCH JOIN WHAT IS CLEARLY ALREADY  
AN ATTRACTIVE ENTERPRISE.

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